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TRAFFIC FLOW IN A VIRTUAL GATEWAY

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Dear Sir:

In the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of controlling the distribution of traffic flow in a load-sharing redundancy group comprising a set of gateway devices including a first gateway device and a second gateway device which forward packets sent from hosts, the method comprising:

assigning a first plurality of forwarding addresses to the first gateway device;

assigning a second plurality of forwarding addresses to the second gateway device;

measuring the traffic flow for each of the assigned forwarding addresses; and

adjusting the traffic flow by changing allocation of the forwarding addresses based upon the measured traffic flow;

wherein the load-sharing redundancy group provides failover services in the event that one of the gateway devices ceases operation;